GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:233
ANSWERED ON:29.08.2007
IMPACT OF FOREST CONSERVATION ACT ON THE TRIBALS
Chavda Shri Harisinh Pratapsinh;Vasava Shri Mansukhbhai D.

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the development of the tribals living in the forests has been adversely affected and the tribals are devoid of basic amenities due to the Forest Conservation Act 1980;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Forest Conservation Act is enforced in tribal villages only;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to enforce the said Act in other areas as well?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (THIRU S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 233 BY SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA & SHRI MANSUKHBHAI D. VASAVA REGARDING "IMPACT OF FOREST CONSERVATION ACT ON THE TRIBALS" DUE FOR REPLY ON 29.08.2007.

(a) & (b) No Sir. However, to ensure that tribal and other forest dwellers have access to rights inside forests, the Government of India has enacted the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act in 2006.

(c) No Sir.

(d) & (e) Do not arise.